that there was no misappropriation and Government decided that no further action was necessary.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the face of the challenge that the member who has sent in the interpellation makes here now, do the Government consider it necessary to take any action with regard to this misappropriation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As I have already stated, Sir, the matter will be looked into.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether the accounts of the Official Receivers are being audited annually?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know who carries out the audit?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Account Office.

Attingal Municipality.

6. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the reply given to question No. 4 as reported on page 6, Vol. IV, No. 1, of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly:

(*a*) whether all the irregularities of the Attingal Municipality have been removed before April 1935;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, what are the irregularities that remain to be removed; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have considered, as was promised, the feasibility of allowing the Council to elect a non-official President?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In the collection and utilisation of revenue.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the question does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether all the revenue has now been collected?

MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There are arrears to be collected.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the arrears are due to the laxity of the Official President?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Every year there will be some arrears to be collected.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Then, may I know the objection to the appointment of a Non-official President in the place of the Official President?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): During the time of the Non-official President, the arrears were heavy.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how long the Official President will take to see that the arrears are cleared off?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That can be stated only after the accounts have been examined. The accounts of the last year have not yet been examined.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from when the Official President has been working?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): From 1927.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quieon I*): What is the percentage of collection in 1109?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether any of the irregularities have been removed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Most of the irregularities have been removed.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know what irregularities have been removed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There were defects in the collection of revenue. There were all sorts of irregularities.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the nature of the irregularities?

PRESIDENT: He says, "all sorts".

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know what were the irregularities that were in existence at the time of the appointment of the Official President?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): All those irregularities have been removed.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): I want to know what were the irregularities that were removed after the appointment of the Official President?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether it is necessary that the President should be an Official President in order to remove irregularities? Is that the peculiar privilege of an Official President?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): It appears that some of the dues of 12 years ago are still pending. Is that so?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They were being collected every year.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether it will be possible to clear the arrears by taking steps under the Municipal Regulation?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It cannot be done all on a sudden. Of course, arrears are being collected every year.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the arrears that fell due before the Official President took charge are still outstanding?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Almost all the old arrears have been collected.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know how a distinction is made between an Official President and a Non-Official President in the collection of arrears?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There were very little arrears at the time of the Official President.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VLU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the last Municipal Conference demanded the appointment of a Non-official President for the Attingal Municipality?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I ask whether there are competent non-officials to fill the place of President of the Attingal Municipality?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government have not enquired into it.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Will they be pleased to enquire?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, after the present period of one year is over.

Sub-Registrars.

7. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Sub-Registrars there are in the Registration Department;

(*b*) when Mr. E. I. Mathew, the present Registration Director, took charge of his duties;

(*c*) from the date the present Director assumed charge up to the end of Edavam 1110, how many Sub-Registrars have taken leave:

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the Sub-Registrars who have taken leave have done so, due to the wanton persecution of the present Director of Registration;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the first act that the Director does, when he inspects any Sub-Registry Office, is questioning and ascertaining the caste of the Sub-Registrar of the Office and

(*f*) whether the Government are aware that the Director, when he inspects the Sub-Registry Offices, openly insults and chastises the Sub-Registrars?

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